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**Governor Joins PSC in Observance of Fix A Leak Week**

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**Dover, DE**-Governor Jack A. Markell and Lt. Governor Matt Denn are partnering with the Delaware Public Service Commission and the Environmental Protection Agency, by encouraging all Delawareans to take part in a national water conservation effort.

March 14-20, 2011, has been proclaimed “Fix A Leak Week” in Delaware as a means of working with residents to conserve water.

“Saving water saves money,” Governor Markell said. “A home can waste thousands of gallons of water every year due to running toilets, dripping faucets and other household leaks,” the governor said.

“Ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more a day,” Lt Governor Denn said. “That translates to a wasted resource, and extra expense for homeowners who pay for their water supplies.”

“Leaking faucets, toilets and irrigation systems, can waste enough water to fill a swimming pool in a year,” said Commissioner Joann Conaway, a member of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners Water Committee and the Delaware Public Service Commission. “Taking a few minutes to look around the house to see if you have water leaks can save you money, as well as protect a precious resource.”

Checking for leaks can be as simple as detecting a faucet that continually drips and replacing its washers. Residents can also detect leaking toilets by simply putting food coloring in the toilet water tank, and waiting a few minutes. If the water in the toilet turns color, there’s a leak and replacement of the toilet flapper valve may fix that problem.

For additional information on Fix A Leak Week and to learn more about conserving water visit [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense).

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